

Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford.

Live streaming, recording and photography policy.

To maintain a welcoming and safe environment for children, young people, and vulnerable adults, the following policy has been adopted.

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1. To safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults the only camera shots used are on the sanctuary side, rather than the congregational side of the communion rail. Live streaming/recording are done by a fixed camera. This creates a 'virtual safety curtain'.

2a. The Senior Church Steward is responsible for ensuring that 'known participants' in a service who are in camera shot in the sanctuary area, such as preachers, worship leaders, readers and others, are informed of our live streaming policies beforehand. Thereafter, participation signals permission to be filmed.

2b. All children and young people asked to take part as a 'known participant' in a live streamed service, or recorded or photographed on any occasion, each need to have written parental permission to do so. (Those over 13 can give their own consent in consultation with parents/carers.) Consent forms are available from the Trinity safeguarding officer and are on the Methodist website.

3. 'Unknown participants' in a service, such as volunteers invited to help a preacher in the sanctuary area, are not to be filmed.

4. The sacrament of Holy Communion. The act of consecrating the elements by the minister may be filmed, but the distribution to communicants should not be.

5. A message about the live streaming of services to be included in the Welcome slides shown before the start of the service and in the weekly notices. Visitors to be informed by the welcome stewards that the service is being live streamed.

Agreed at Trinity Church Council 22.01.25.

Review date: July 2025.